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and Tears....

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it to the second round

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A Spotlight on Spencer

By David Featherston

Spencer "Van" Swearingen has been a legend around the school recently and it's about time his talent be recognized by the paper. Having been through what is thought by most to be one of the most extensive interviews of his life, Spencer is getting what he deserves. Mr. Swearingen has been shredding up and down his guitars for about two and a half years now. He currently uses his Ibanez seven string RG series guitar along with his Gibson Explorer. A tasteful musician, he prefers using Marshal Amps and Boss distortion pedals. The Ibanez Universe fills his dreams every night, as Spencer may very well sell his soul for such a unique instrument.

Spence's music genre of choice is progressive melodic alternative death metal. Such bands as Necrophagist, Messugah, and Cannibal Corpse as well as guitarists Yngwie Malmsteen and Steve Vai have served as major influences for Spencer. If you want to really annoy Spencer, playing alternative hipster music is the way to go. His music idols include such musicians as Muhammed Suicmez, Steve Vai, Glen Gould, Jeff Loomis, and of course Yngwie Malmsteen. Muhammed Suicmez, in fact, is Spencer's favorite modern day guitarist. Currently, his favorite song is Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by the famous composer, Bach.

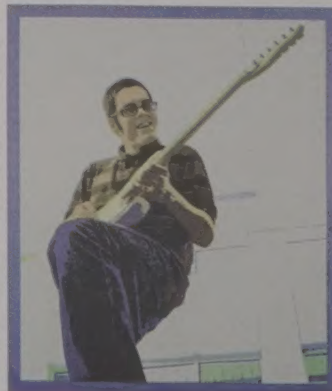
Political bands, especially Rage Against the Machine, are what first inspired Spence to pick up a guitar. He started out by playing classical songs, moved to metal, and has since been practicing scales and working on his improvising skills. Other instruments that have peaked his interest are the piano and violin; he has never taken harp lessons. Spencer currently enjoys playing death metal the most. Spence keeps being motivated to play guitar because he just doesn't want to get worse, which he won't since he plays guitar at least three hours every day. Since he started, the longest he has gone without playing guitar is about three days.

Spencer gives particular interest to the B note and claims he has nearly mastered it. Favoring the harmonic scale, Spencer has the desire to create his own metal band. He plans to

name his band Canis Majoris (the name of the largest star so far discovered) and he wants to make it an instrumental band, meaning there will be no vocals and instead emphasis will be put on the instruments. After high school, Spencer aims to join the Berkeley College of Music and get a degree in composition. Further into the future, Spencer wants to teach private guitar lessons as well as compose his own music. Spencer says he would be unhappy without guitars because they help him deal with bitter emotions.

In the interview for this article, Spencer answered some tough, and somewhat off topic, questions that will right now be revealed. Spence most considers himself a Nihilist and considers Paganism and Christianity to be among his most laughable religions. He also considers a Republic to be his government of choice. If the ghost of Bach came to Spencer and offered him three wishes, Spence would ask that Bach give him credit for composing the Goldberg Variations. Spence would also ask Bach to take him under his wing and play a solo just for him.

Spencer's advice for those starting to play an instrument is to focus on quality and not worry about speed. For all those wondering, Spencer's favorite number of all time is 0.24. Over the years, Spencer has grown not only as a musician, but as a person and truly enjoys playing and listening to music. He just really wishes he knew if Messugah is going to play in America, and when the new Necrophagist album is coming out.



EDITORIALS

A Man, a Plan and a Band

By Zach Rozinek

The Jewell Band returned and performed for the first time this year at the Winter Program. All grades from kindergarten all the way up to 12th grade were there either performing or just watching and enjoying the performance. Parents filled every seat and where standing in the back of the auditorium just to see the two hour performance.

Mr. Cory Pederson directed, ran and pretty much did everything with this performance. All of the students who participated in the program practiced for months with Pederson to prepare for this play. The kindergarten through 4th grade started the program with a 30 minute musical performance titled A Christmas in Candy Land.

The performance was very well done and everybody enjoyed how good the kids sang together.

After the play the winter program changed to the Jewell band, starting with the 5th graders who just began playing their instruments in September. The 5th grade put on a great show by playing different rehearsals that they had learned while in Pederson's class. After the 5th grades performance was over the 6th grade stepped up to the plate to take a swing at their musical talents. They preformed three different songs including a song known as Dragon Slayer, (no holiday connection) to open up the stage for the middle and high school band. When you see the different grades perform you can notice the difference one year makes when it comes to performances, but when

you see some of these kids play you wouldn't believe they just picked up their instruments a couple months ago.

The middle school band was next to perform their three songs which included Christmas Stomp. Christmas Stomp was played with the percussion trio: 3 high school players who began percussion in their own class in September and had to work their way up to perform with the



Jewell band. The percussion trio played Christmas Stomp on buckets while the middle school played. The middle school band finished their performance and opened the stage up to the Jewell high school band to finish the winter formal.

The Jewell high school band opened with a solo piece known as Quick Sticks by the percussion trio which they had been working on for the last several weeks.

The Band also played two very famous songs, one being different songs played in the original Willy Wonka. Another famous song played was from an old TV series called Happy Days. The show isn't played very often anymore, but many parents in the crowd still know the song.

To finish the program, the high school band and the middle school played Rainbow Connection together. Pederson then closed the curtain and finished the play. Even though Pederson was very stressed out over the performance, he was still able to pull it off without any trouble, other than the fact that he wanted the program to be only an hour and a half.

SHOULD PRAYER BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL?

By Jessica Robinson

Prayer in schools is one of the most discussed topics by teachers, principals, and Board Chairs across the U.S.

Are kids allowed to pray to their Deities during school hours? The answer to this is Yes – if the prayer does not interfere with their school schedule. In other words, kids are permitted to pray to their Deities if and only if they are not disturbing other classmates or taking time out of their teacher's schedule, and they are respecting school rules. The times they are allowed to pray to their Deities would be before school, during break, at lunch, or after school. Kids are allowed to pray during classes if the teacher is notified and has cleared it, and if they are not disrupting anyone else. Prayer groups can be organized as an extracurricular activity, and the school has to provide the same facilities to them as it would any other extracurricular program. It is not allowed for a school to provide its facilities to, say, a Pagan Ritual Circle, but deny a Christian Prayer Group the right to the same facilities or facilities equal to those that the Pagan Ritual Circle have



access to.

Now, this all seems very fair to me, however I feel the need to bring up another issue similar to this one – should prayer be taught in school. Now, there really isn't any way to factually present this; it is based almost purely on an individual's opinion. My opinion on this particular subject is this; I think that yes, of course religion should be taught in schools – however, there should be some guidelines. If the school offers one religion class, then they must also provide any other religion class that is asked for. For example, if the school started offering a class period to teach kids about Christianity, then if some kids

talk to the Principal and they want to have a class on Paganism (any branch – Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.) then the school should be required to also provide a class on that religion. The classes would not be allowed to be biased in any way about other religions – in fact, they shouldn't be talking at all about other religions. If someone is teaching a class about Christianity, then they should only be talking about Christianity, and the same should go for all religious classes.

I for one would love to have classes at Jewell that taught about different religions. I think it would be cool to learn about different religions and get a high school credit for it!

WHAT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

By Blake Wilcoxon

College? Seniors in high school all across the United States are on their way to graduating from high school. The end is near, leaving many students including myself wondering how we are going to be contributing members of society. Our generation was promised a major job market due to a lot of the "Baby Boomers" retiring. Five years ago the outlook was good for finding a living wage job. However in November of 2008 the U.S. went into a recession. A recession is two fiscal periods with negative or no Gross Domestic Product growth. This in turn led the older working population to be wary of retiring. Plain and simple, good living wage jobs straight out of high school are few and far between to find, unless you have very reliable connections in the job market or you have an amazing resume.

Another option is to further your education by perusing a college degree. Unlike high school however, you must come up with the funds to pay for your courses. You can apply for scholarships and grants, get a full ride due to academics, athletics, or take out student loans and financial aid. With the recent economic bind lenders are much more stingy about forking out major sums of cash to young adults. The point

that I am trying to make is that it is very hard for average students to go to a university and not accumulate some form of debt.

College is an amazing way to make you a more intelligent, comprehensive person, not to mention you can make twice the income with a bachelor's degree as opposed to a high school diploma. The only catch is if you take out a loan and earn your degree, then you aren't guaranteed a job. Also, if you do not know what to major in you aren't wasting your time, but losing an excessive amount of money. Our high school teachers have all been to college which means that they are advocates and success stories, but if you get the chance, take some time to have an in depth conversation with a skilled worker. Most kids are flooding into colleges and four years from now a degree will not be worth as much as it is today, just as a degree isn't worth as much now as it was in the 1960's. A scary thought is having a lot of over qualified people fighting for the same jobs and not having anyone who is keeping the infrastructure of the country working.

Bottom line: Doing something is better than doing nothing. If you are in my shoes and reading this, find an occupation that you enjoy and be your best at it. As long as you are a happy person and have enough to support yourself and your loved ones, the pathway to get there really doesn't matter.

What to do with the flu?

By Blake Wilcoxon

Flu season is upon the world leaving many people home from work and school. This year influenza virus is known to the people as the swine flu, or the H1N1 subtype virus. The virus has strands the trace back to four different types of influenza virus coming from pigs, birds and humans. The swine flu is different from any virus in recent years. The virus's tendency is to attack younger healthier people. Each year an estimated 250,000 to 500,000 people die from all types of influenza worldwide. This year's confirmed death toll due to swine flu is about 5000. Many local health officials are struggling to find ways to slow the spread of the virus. Simple instructions that many students have heard their entire life like, cover your cough, wash your hands and stay home when you are sick are being spread all over the news.

It is estimated by the Oregon Health Department that around one third of the Pacific Northwest will get infected with the H1N1 virus. The most susceptible age group this season is infants to young children. Although the vaccine is available to our area public schools are only providing the vaccine for grades k-5 at present, which leads other students to call their local health clinics and family doctors to arrange for themselves to get vaccinated. The vaccine for the virus hasn't been tested as thoroughly as other forms of vaccines, which leaves doctors in unique position when it comes to recommending the vaccine. Also, while the cost of a mass H1N1 vaccination would be around 18 billion dollars for the government, Obama's administration only asked for 2.7 billion dollars in emergency flu vaccination spending.

Another problem with the vaccine is it is available but not in major amounts. Only in recent weeks has the vaccine slowly trickled into the hands of medical practitioners in Clatsop County. Most clinics will not allow older individuals to get vaccinated, because they haven't received enough doses. The vaccine is available through a direct injection with a needle or with a nasal spray to both nostrils.

Out of fear of infection for their employees and patients, many local hospitals are cutting back on visitation hours and who can visit patients. OHSU and some Local hospital's intensive care units will not let children below the age of five visit the campus. Also, only select individuals are allowed to visit the prenatal section of the hospital.

Some common misconceptions about the flu were that this strand came directly from pigs, which spread to the mass media. Many countries went crazy in an attempt to stop pork from being consumed and killed their population of pigs. On April 29, 2009 the Egyptian government ordered the slaughter of all pigs in Egypt. On April 27, Azerbaijan imposed a ban on import of animal husbandry products from America. Any Chinese citizen who had traveled to an infected area of the world and experienced flu like symptom, had to be separated and quarantined. On June 11, 2009 the World Health Organization named the H1N1 virus a pandemic, the first since the Hong Kong Flu in 1968.

Although the threat of getting infected is scary, 77 percent of the world will not get infected. Some simple steps can be taken to dramatically reduce your chance of contracting the virus, including: avoiding crowds, making sure you rest at night, washing your hands, regular exercise, consuming a healthy diet that consists of whole grain, fresh fruits, vegetables and lean meat. Also consider talking to your doctor about the pros and cons of the vaccine, and when it will be available to you.

Mr. McClain new math teacher

By Sara Olvera

As we all know Mr. Bloker is gone on military service. However, his math classes were not left abandoned. Mr. McClain took over Mr. Bloker's entire math curriculum.

Mr. McClain was born in Eugene Oregon 1965. He went to Oregon State, which makes him a Beaver fan. While he was in school he played many sports like soccer, and baseball, along with recreational sports. He never thought about becoming a teacher until his second year of college, along with being the next Elvis Presley.

Before coming to Jewell, he had a variety of jobs, such as being a math teacher, a principal, a professional development trainer, and painting houses. He enjoys teaching all math classes, especially statistics. He has also traveled to Europe where he took a tour, and traveled through Italy, France and Switzerland.

Some goals his hoping to accomplish here at Jewell, are "To provide as much

good education as Mr. Bloker, to get to know all the students, and support them; also helping with the running of the school. The thing that he likes most about Jewell is the students. "The students are wonderful, nice, friendly, and responsible." He feels like every student has great math potential.

Some of his hobbies are taking care of his kids, watching movies, especially the classics, like *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Rear Window*, and *Father Goose*. He also enjoys carpentry.

But one talent that he wishes he had was being able to sing. That way he could travel to Graceland and do his Elvis impression. Some goals he has for the future are, "To be the best math teacher possible, and to guide and support family."

If he ever finds himself in trouble, he goes to his dad for advice, or he remembers his favorite quote by Winston Churchill. "Never give up, never, never give up."

Mr. McClain will be at Jewell until Mr. Bloker returns, but in the mean time hopefully everybody is grateful for having him here with us, not only as a math teacher, but as a member of our community.



The maid, Mail isn't delivered on Sunday.

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Top ten teen Christmas gifts!

By Sara Olvera

Every year toy makers come up with great ideas for Christmas gifts. Which one is the best you ask? Well, that's a matter of opinion. We're here to help you find the most wacky, fun, cool, new toys out in the market.

Number 10: Punching bags, these punching bags come in a variety of colors, and are soft. They're for all ages who like to appreciate in athletics, and to have fun. A set comes with two boxing gloves, and one punching bag, along with a zippered carryall bag so you can take your punching bag where ever you go.

Number 9: Pet's eye view camera. Have you ever wondered where your pet goes when you're not around? Now you can with Uncle Milton's Pet's-Eye View

Camera. With this handy camera you have it take pictures automatically, every 5 or 10 minutes. Don't worry this camera is lightweight and weather resistant, and it easily attaches to your cat's or dog's collar.

Number 8: Rock Band 2. This is a sequel to the original Rock band that came out in 2007. In this one however there is tons of great music choices from today's hot artists. Choose your best instrument and rock out with friends of family.

Number 7: Fit and Fun Educational Active Play. Kids can hop, skip, jump, walk and run through multiple levels of learning and timed challenges. It is an interactive game system that will keep them busy for hours.

Gravity-Defying Fast-



Motion Shoes comes in at Number 6. These shoes come with high quality easy to use system. They allow you to jump super high, be taller, and to even run faster.

Coming in at Number 5 is an iPod. iPods come in a variety of colors and allow you to upload your favorite music, so you can listen to it anywhere you want.

At Number 4 we have the X-box 360. This is an all time favorite game system that kids and young adults love. There is a large variety of games out there to fit anyone's taste. It also has tons of things to add on such as X-box Live.



Number 3 is a gift you can never go wrong with. It is a digital camera that allows anyone to capture the

moments they want to remember forever.

Number 2 is the DS. This is a portable game system. It is small and has a large variety of games to play. It is fun and easy to use for all ages.

Finally Number 1 is a laptop. Laptops these days allow people to do almost anything! You can store music in it, surf the Internet, take pictures and much more. With the new technology these days, laptops can even come with their own personal design.

With this list of hot gifts for kids and teens, there should be no reason to stress out over what gift is the best. It is all right here!



Baking Sophie style: Chocolate cookies with powdered sugar

By Sophie Swearingen

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 cups of white sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 cup of unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1 cup of confectioners' sugar

Directions:

1.) In a large mixing bowl, combine the shortening and sugar. Stir slowly and gradually beat in the eggs one at a time. Then carefully add the vanilla into the mixture. The concoction will appear cream-like. Next combine the flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt. Blend them together in a bowl. Make sure each of these ingredients are fully mixed, then stir the substance from the bowl into the cream mixture. Lastly, and most importantly, cover the dough and chill for at least an hour and five minutes.

2.) Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bit by bit, roll the dough into small cookies or balls. After you have

rolled all the dough into balls, roll the balls into confectioner's sugar. Place the cookies 2 inches apart onto the cookie sheet. Bake for 11 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven.

Cooling directions: Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 4-5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to fully chill. After the cookies have completely cooled, you can serve and enjoy this wonderful Christmas snack.

Community Reviews on chocolate cookies with powdered sugar:

"The incredible chocolate flavor of these cookies contains a depth of sweet depravity that only a true chocolate aficionado can appreciate."

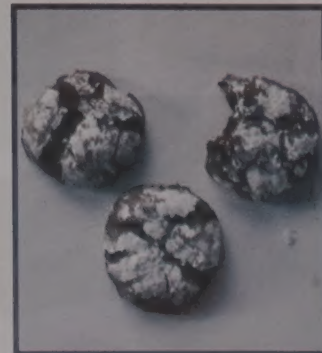
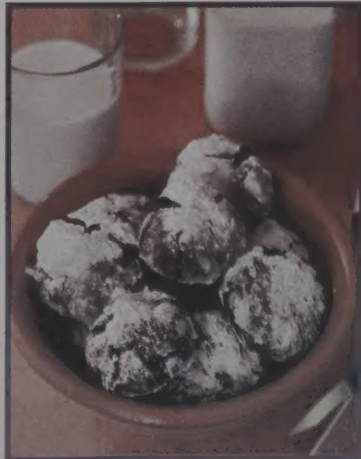
—Mr. Anderson

"These cookies are truly evidence that proves God exists. They were even better knowing that Riley didn't get to have any."

—David the Baker

"They were great, and they showed Christmas spirit. Their deep brown color and heartwarming taste make a lovely Christmas treat."

—Sara & Jeannie



By David Featherston

Lying can be used to escape many scenarios and also be incredibly beneficial to the public. Washington Post journalist, Janet Cooke, won a Pulitzer Prize for a

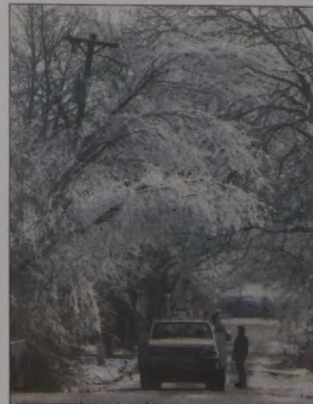
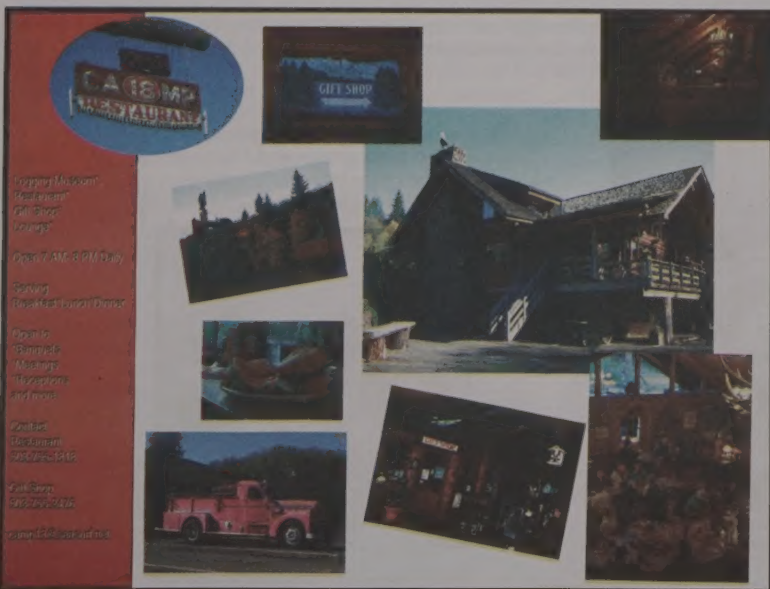
Some people are quite skilled in the art of lie detection. They are able to detect lies by facial expression, cadence of speech,

Lying is a natural part of life and everyone does it. Without lies, our world as we know it could quickly collapse and the very fabric of society could fall apart (This may be a lie). If you're going to lie, do it fast, efficiently, and never, ever tell the truth.

By Riley McDonald

Well, this article is about preparing for these storms. First of all you should have a lot of food. Your food should not perish easily and, preferably, it should not be refrigerated food in

Fortunately, the winter out here is never too harsh. If anything bad happens, it's usually because someone didn't have the intelligence to stay on the road. Well anyway, this is pretty much all you need for the storms out here. Just clothes, light sources, games, warm clothes and hopefully a generator. I hope everyone has a safe break and a Merry Christmas!



Tech Corner: the Amazon Kindle

By David Featherston

Here's a great new gadget for all of you book readers out there. Actually, there are a few electronic, handheld libraries, and they may soon beat the ongoing trend of paper (also called dead tree) books. When looking to purchase such a device, most people look at three main factors: the size of the screen, the brightness of the screen, and price. The two main e-readers on the market today are Amazon's Kindle and Barnes & Noble's Nook. Recently, though, Amazon has released the Kindle 2. Unless you're looking to spend almost \$500 instead of about \$250-300, you should stick with the original.

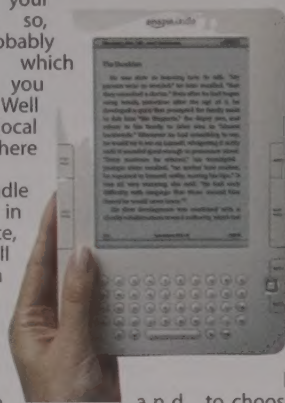
These electronic reading devices are great for the leisurely reader

and make very decent Christmas gifts. In the case of many of these devices, you can download books onto the e-reader and read anytime, anywhere, even out in the sun as most of them prevent glare. Is this capturing your attention? If so, you are probably wondering which one of these you should get. Well your friendly local newspaper is here to tell you.

The Kindle and the Nook, in terms or price, are pretty well matched at a little above \$250 for each of them. The Nook features a color screen also a second, smaller screen for book covers that looks very nice in full color. The Nook has a lending feature

that allows for a person to lend a book to another person's iPhone, Blackberry, iPod Touch, Nook, and other smart devices. While a book is being lent, the owner cannot access the book and it can be lent for up to two weeks. The Nook features an "E Ink" screen, also available on the Kindle 2, which displays eBooks "clearer than actual book text" according to the folks at Barnes and Noble. You can make the font as large and small as you want as well. Unlike the Kindle, the Nook's keyboard only appears when you need it, similar to the iPhone. A great bonus for the Nook is that Barnes & Noble's

has over 1 million titles to choose from and thousands of older titles are free. The Nook has been criticized for being somewhat sluggish, but Barnes & Noble has plans to correct that in the near



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future.

The Kindle wins in that its books are mostly cheaper than Barnes & Noble's, and the Kindle has a 30 day return policy for books and doesn't charge a fee, while the Nook has a 14 day return policy and charges a 10% restocking fee. The Kindle also offers free internet and you can download and read the first chapters of a book before you buy it. Free internet means you can have access to Wikipedia almost anywhere. The Kindle has a feature that will read any book, unless the author prohibits it, to you so you don't even have to read to enjoy a book.

There are more and more features being constantly added to both these devices, as well as other e-Readers. It's a close call to say which one is better, but you really can't go wrong with either of them. If you're planning to get one as a gift for Christmas, you may want a Kindle because the Nook will not be made fully available until mid January.

MOVIE & MUSIC REVIEWS

Angels and Airwaves

By Riley McDonald

Angels and Airwaves (AVA) are an alternative rock band that formed under lead singer Tom Delonge, after his former band, Blink-182 went into an indefinite hiatus. The band consists of Tom Delonge (vocals/ guitar), David Kennedy (guitar, keyboard, synthesizer), Matt Wachter (bass guitar, backing vocals, synthesizer, keyboard) and Adam Willard (drums, percussion). They have released two albums named "We Don't Need A Whisper" and "I-Empire." Both share similar sounds. Fans have said that the music this band has created can make any depressed person feel better. A third album titled "Love" is slated for a release on Valentine's Day of 2010. All three albums are considered to be a concept album because each tells a continuous story of finding love on the battlefield during the middle of a war.

After the hiatus of Blink-182 in February 2005 due to conflict between Delonge and other band

members, he disappeared from the media. Half a year later when he finally spoke publicly through Kerrang! Magazine, he announced the name of the new band Angels



and Airwaves. Where he derived the name is currently unknown.

Their first album "We Don't Need A Whisper" began to be formed a little after the hiatus of Blink-182. This album was released early due to someone hacking and taking four of their demos. A song named "The Adventure" was leaked onto radio stations which led to the early release of the song. The album reached fourth on the billboard 200 and was certified gold.

During their creation of "I-Empire," their former bassist Ryan Sinn left due to conflicts he had with the rest of the band. He was quickly replaced with Wachter and the band soon finished their second album. Also, as with the original album, songs were leaked onto the internet. "Everything's Magic," the first single that was leaked, became one of the most requested songs on the radio station KROQ in California and reached a peak at number three on iTunes Rock Chart before the album had even been

released. Unlike the previous however, AVA discontinued the use of heavy sound effects. On November 1st the album was released and it reached number nine on the Billboard 200.

Today, with the reunited Blink-182, Delonge still works on creating the third album for Angels and Airwaves. Like its predecessors, this album has had many demos leaked onto the internet. Many of these new demos have a different feeling to them then from the songs in the past, Delonge saying it has a progressive rock kind of taste to it. It has rising anticipation and high expectations from fans, most already enjoying the sounds on the demos.

Many of the songs have been featured on television. "The Adventure" has been their most featured song where it has been used on shows such as Dancing with the Stars, X-Play, Smallville and several sports commercials. Another song titled as "Secret Crowds" has been shown on the drama One Tree Hill, where the band members were playing in concert on the show.

JASMINE Advice Column

Dear Jasmine,

My best friend is 4 months into her pregnancy and she still hasn't even told her parents. They are an extremely strict family, and because of this, she is scared out of her mind and too afraid to tell them. They'll probably kick her out when she confesses everything. Maybe I should tell them for her, or maybe not – is that wrong? The father of the baby totally ditched her, so I'm like pretty much all she has. I really want to help her but I just don't know how, what should I do to help her out, I mean what's best for her? PLEASE HELP!!!

Future Godmother

Dear Future Godmother,

Your friend is going through a lot right now, so initially what you need to do is to give her that shoulder to lean on. Let her know that you are there to support her through this obstacle and really listen to what she has to say, because sometimes just listening while someone vents really helps them out. Now on the topic of her family, I know she is really afraid, but it honestly is better to tell them sooner rather than later, no matter what she needs to say.

Pregnancy really isn't something that's easy to hide, so they're going to catch on sooner or later. The worst case scenario is that she'll get kicked out, and even though that would be utterly horrific for her, in the end she'll feel somewhat better knowing that she told them. Okay, there's one rule – you cannot be the one to tell them. I mean it's okay if you're with her and she asks you to explain the icky situation, but whatever you do, do not go to her parents by yourself and tell them everything without her knowing. In simpler terms do not tell them without her permission – if you do, it will morph into a way uglier circumstance. So, we've established that you must stick by her through this whole catastrophe, doing whatever you can to make her feel secure, safe, and welcome – altogether let her know that everything is going to be okay, despite the fact that some days it seems quite the opposite.

Anyway, be there for her always, and let her tell her family when she feels like it's time. Don't pressure her or hover over her; let her go at her own pace. I hope this gives you an idea of what you need to do in order to help your friend out. Good luck, and give the baby a big kiss for me!!

Your friend, Jasmine

All I want for Christmas

By Sara Olvera and Jeannie DeMaggio

I want a hippopotamus for
Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
Don't want a doll, no dinky
Tinker Toy
I want a hippopotamus to play
with and enjoy...

What will the Jewell students want for Christmas this year – will it be a hippopotamus, a cell phone, or action packed game? Let's find out what Santa's elves have to report. What did the elves find out in first grade? Kaylee and Haideen have been really good this year. All they want for Christmas is a scooter and a star wars set. Kaylee's favorite part about Christmas is the presents; she likes peppermint candy, and watches the Abominable Snow Man. Haideen's favorite part about Christmas is celebrating it. He is excited to go to his grandpa's to watch Elf and eat mints.

Afterwards the elves went to the second grade class, where they found Declan and Breanna wishing for a Barbie set and a dirt bike for Christmas. Declan's favorite part about Christmas is going to Mount Hood where he can snowboard, watch Jack Frost, and eat lollipops. To make the nice list, he is going to do all his chores. Breanna's favorite part about Christmas is getting presents. She's planning on staying home with her family, going sledding, chewing bubble gum and watching her T.V that she got several Christmas' ago.

Then the elves traveled to the third grade, where Hannah and Henry were excited to tell them that what they want for Christmas is a DS and a Pokémon Explorers video game. Henry's favorite part about Christmas is his grandma's dinner when he goes to his grandma's and grandpa's house. He likes to watch Shrek Christmas and eat candy canes. To make sure he doesn't get coal on Christmas he's going to help his mom clean out his room. Hannah's favorite part of Christmas is the presents. Her favorite Christmas memory is when she made a popcorn tree at her dad's house. During Christmas she likes to watch Rudolf and eat candy canes and jolly ranchers.

Then the elves moved on to fourth grade where they saw Gabi and Thomas hard at work. This Christmas they hope to get an MP3 player and Mario Kart for DS. Thomas's favorite part is playing in the snow. To be a good boy he's going to cook breakfast

for his whole family, and in return he hopes to get marshmallows. Gabi's favorite part about Christmas is getting presents – and she hopes to watch Elf and eat candy canes.

Fifth grade is an age where you stop believing in the magic of Christmas. But luckily Alyscia and Sean don't have a doubt. All they want for Christmas is a volleyball and a paint ball gun. Alyscia's favorite part is going to her grandma's house where she gets to watch Rudolf, ride her bike, and eat candy canes. Alyscia likes drawing pictures for her family members to give as gifts. Sean likes spending time with his family and watching the Grinch with Jim Carrey. The best gift he's ever given was a diamond ring to his mom.

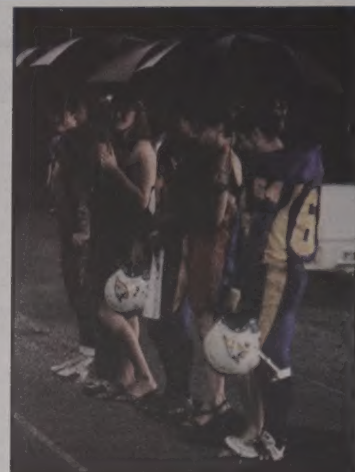
It was hard to find sixth graders that had Christmas spirit, but then along came Kharlyn and Jared. All they want for Christmas is an I-Pod and whatever Santa feels like bringing them. Kharlyn's favorite part about Christmas is the snow and presents. Her favorite Christmas movie is Rudolf the cartoon, and she loves to eat fudge. A couple Christmas' ago, Kharlyn saw that Santa was not too far away in the News. To make sure that Santa didn't skip her, she went to feed her dog Bosley without being asked. Jared's favorite part about Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birthday; he hopes to go to his grandma's house and watch the Nightmare before Christmas. The last time that Jared saw Santa was when he was two years old. The present he's going to give this year is a Pin-Pole table for his dad that he has been saving for five years for.

As you can see Christmas spirit is very high here at Jewell. All we want for Christmas is to wish everyone a great Christmas along with their loved ones.

I want a hippopotamus for
Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
No crocodiles, no rhinoceroses
I only like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me too!



HOMECOMING WEEK PICTURES



SENIORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Sara Olvera and
Jeannie DeMaggio

Once you get into high school your four years become steps in your staircase, trying to climb to the top just to reach yet another level. This year's seniors are on their last step before they reach the top. Each one has some kind of crazy life story that they experienced trying to climb each step. This month's two seniors are Jesika Kaczinski and Blake Wilcoxon. Both have something that makes them a big part of the graduating class of 2010.

Jesika Kaczinski is 17 years 6 months, and 26 days old, has luscious brown curls, brown eyes, little feet, and has been going to Jewell school for 10 years. She has done a lot in those 10 years such as play volleyball, basketball, and

track. She was the vice president of her class for her 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th grade years. She is currently President of the NHS club and a volunteer firefighter. When asked to describe herself, she clearly stated, "Is that a question?" and answered that she, "Has a good sense of humor, is super enthusiastic, and is just a crazy lady." Jesika is planning on attending U of O or WOU to become a pediatric nurse with a degree in ASL. But before she can climb that last step she would like to take a moment to talk about her favorite teachers here at Jewell. Her favorite teachers are Mr. Hiebert because he is crazy, Mr. Crook because he taught her shop skills, and Ms. Morrison because she is easy to talk to. Some things Jesika would like to do before she graduates would be to do volunteer trips for NHS, get into college, and go to state in all the sports she plays. Jesika thinks that she is unique because she plays piano, can make jewelry, and play sports well. Random things Jesika wanted to share about herself

would be that she likes the colors green, yellow, purple, orange, pink, and red. She hates the color mustard yellow. Her favorite foods are cereal and Mac and cheese. Jesika loves yellow roses, giraffes, and her boyfriend. She wants to sky dive and go to New Zealand. Her favorite movies are The Lion King, Anchorman, Walk Hard, Horton Hears a Hoo, Wall-E, and Singing in the Rain.

Blake Wilcoxon is 17 years old, has blonde hair, majestic blue eyes, and is a medium shirt size. He has gone to Jewell for a total of 11 years. When thinking back to all of the things he has done here at Jewell he remembered that he participated in football, basketball, Executive Student Council Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, wrestling, track, and tee-ball. Blake thinks that his qualities are being able to make people smile and that he has cat like reflexes. Before Blake can graduate and go to Lane Community College to become a personal trainer, he has one thing he wants to accomplish and that is beating Mr. Anderson

at scrabble. But he also does not want to forget all the crazy and unforgettable memories such as the Arizona trip which was amazing, or freshman English with Ms. Tisdale, the extreme water balloon fight at football practice in 2009, or even econ class's, "Get some"! Blake would be nowhere without the lunch ladies and his football coaches, because they feed him and keep him on track. Blake is a unique person all together. Some of Blake's favorite things to do or say include the movie Cool Hand Luke, Friday Night Lights, and lunch ladies.

His favorite saying is "KAPOW" and "Not my cup of tea", and his favorite food is chicken and French fries because they're mm mm good!

So as you can see Jesika and Blake are both unique seniors with a whole staircase full of steps behind them and ahead of them. So to end this article will have a little help from Blake with his special goodbye. Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na Hey, Hey, Hey GOODBYE.

VB girls end season with a painful loss in State Second Round

By Angel Ulm

The undefeated lady jays were rewarded to automatically play in the state second round match after becoming district champs on Halloween night. The team had come to a decision to scout the team they would end up playing in state. Our girls were confident they would have no trouble handling the Southwest Christian Wildcats. The winning team would move on to Pacific University in Forest Grove to compete against the top three 1A volleyball teams.

Jewell dominated the boards in the first two games against the Wildcats. It looked like another victory for the lady jays, but once game three came along the Wildcats started to step it up a notch. They decided they weren't just going to hand over an easy win to

Jewell. After South West took game three their momentum rose, and they managed to follow it up with another win in game four. The lady jays were convinced they would pull through in game five. In the last game Jewell won the coin toss to take first serve. When it was the Wildcats' turn to serve, they got ace after ace putting them in the lead. As Southwest got closer to the ending point of game five the lady jays never gave up and began to make a comeback. However, after Wildcat Alexa Lapray made what would be the final serve of the match, the Jewell lady jays found themselves making their way back to the bench with tears streaming down their faces.

"Every single one of my girls played with heart and passion,"

said coach of the year Charnae Little. "They hustled and competed and never gave up. Angel Ulm and Amber Meier were incredible. They, hands down, were ready to lay it all on the line. If there was a loose ball, they were on the floor for it; if there was a set in their direction, they were going to slam it to the floor; their serves were tough and on point." It was a well played match for both teams. They both wanted it so badly, especially Jewell who had a perfect 18-0 season. South West was 11-5 in the Valley 10 League. "The hardest part of losing was seeing how much it hurt all of my girls," said Little. "We didn't want it to be over. We weren't ready to put the net away. It was very emotional for everyone, and it really broke my heart seeing the tears, but all I could

tell my girls was how proud I was of them and how lucky I felt to be their coach."

Next season Little will lose four seniors, Casco League's Player of the Year Amber Meier, Jesika Kaczinski, Britney Curtis, and Tessa Brooks. Even with the loss of many varsity players, Little is confident that the team will continue to bring success to the table. "I am sad to see the seniors go," said Little. "Each and every one of them brought so much to the team. However, there is so much potential in the girls that will be returning. We will have a very strong team next season. We will just have to move our focus into different areas. I'm very confident in the girls coming back and I know we have the potential to be very successful."



Lady Jays Make Perrydale Pirates Walk the Plank

By Angel Ulm

Our Lady Jays went up against their biggest challenge of the season. Every one of them knew that this was going to be an intense game and that Perrydale wasn't going to give in that easily. Perrydale had been missing two of their best players the last time the Jays took them on, but this time Jewell was going to make sure that the Pirates had no excuses as to why they were beat last time.

The beginning of game one wasn't looking too good for the undefeated Lady Jays. They started out missing four serves in row for

the first four rotations. The girls knew they needed to step it up before it was too late. Game one ended up being a huge battle for both teams, but the Pirates took the win at 25-23.

In the second game Jewell shut down the pirates, bouncing back quickly from game one. They were a lot more focused. Jewell started making smarter plays and had several killer hits. Our girls showed that they wanted game two more than Perrydale, leaving the scoreboard at 25-14.

Game three was the greatest battle of the night. It was rally after rally. Both teams were

having outstanding plays, making it harder to determine who would take this one. The score was tight the whole entire time during game three, and finally stopped at 27-29. Perrydale stole another game from the Jays and all they needed was one more win to take the whole enchilada.

Now the Lady Jays were even more worked up. Everyone was off their seats cheering our Jays on to victory in game 4, which wasn't as much of a fight as the last one. Jewell defeated Perrydale 25-17.

The girls got off to a six point lead in the last game that would determine the winner. Things were

looking good for Jewell until too many mistakes were made towards the end. Perrydale started to catch up, but our girls battled it out stronger and were victorious by two meager points.

Amber Meier finished the night with fourteen kills, seven aces, and 28 assists. Angel Ulm had eleven kills, seven aces, and three stuff blocks. Jeannie DiMaggio came out with six kills and 6 savage blocks. Jesika Kaczinski, Thai Curtis, and Randi Harhart each had six kills while Brittany Moe-Curtis finished off with 17 assists. Fantastic job ladies!

Jewell gives a warm welcome to new boy's basketball coach: Adam Decker

By Angel Ulm

Adam Decker became familiar with the school and community when he attended Jewell volleyball games. Now instead of just watching and supporting Jewell sporting events, he'll be coaching one of them. His motives to coaching Jewell basketball are the community, people, and his fiancé Charnae Little, who is assisting Coach Fick with the girls team. "Coaching and playing basketball are my passions in life," says Coach Decker. He's looking forward to practicing and getting his team mentally and physically prepared for the season. Decker loves the relationships with the players and enjoys building and teaching the boys about life through sports. Decker has previously coached at Portland Christian high school

and Cascade College. He played football and basketball at South Medford high school (6A). After high school he played his first two years of college basketball at South West Oregon Community College and later attended Warner Pacific College to finish his last two years playing basketball. His day job consists of teaching U.S. and world history at Portland Christian high school located in East Portland. Adam is also involved at the Rivercrest Community Church as a youth pastor.

The Jewell boy's basketball team is comprised of fourteen people. Their main focuses in practice are staying in shape, ball control, shooting, and learning the plays. "Practices are run very precise, detailed, and structured. We practice hard and smart, the same way we would in a game," says Decker. His expectations of his players are simple. "I expect my boys to work

as hard and as smart as they can on and off the court, and to be leaders and to not let their teammates down." The boys took on their first

two league games December 15th and 18th at home just before the start of Christmas break.



On December 4th, coach Decker turned 30. Captains Ulises Olvera, Lucas Foster and Zach Rozineck created a banner to display during a basketball game against life.

Girls basketball

By Angel Ulm

The season began with a Jamboree at South West Christian. Sherman, Portland Christian, South West Christian, and our Jewell Blue jays were all the teams that competed in that event. The night started off with the lady jays defeating South West in the first quarter of the Jamboree. Portland Christian seemed to be more of a challenge for Jewell, but the girls closed the night with a win over the Sherman Huskies.

Jewell got off to a rough start when they played Gaston as their first non-league game. Plays weren't being run right and the ball was being thrown away too much. Jewell was doing well on hustling, however, the Gaston Greyhounds were killing the lady jays on put backs putting them at 22-10 for the first half of the game. By the start of the second half you wouldn't have thought it was the same Jewell team who came out in the beginning. They ran their press more precise and just played better defense overall. Offensively the lady jays played smarter taking better care of the ball outscoring the Greyhounds 31-29. It looked like Jewell still had a chance to catch up, but the score was left at 51-41. Gaston. Amber Meier finished the night with a triple double 13 points,

11 steals, and eleven rebounds while Angel Ulm had ten points and nine boards. Jesika Kaczinski added an additional nine points to the scoreboard.

Their game at Open Door two days after went a lot smoother for the girls. It was an excellent opportunity for them to apply their plays correctly and allow JV players the chance to play in a varsity game as well. The girls found this game to be more enjoyable than the last. Stats for the game included twenty points for Ulm, seventeen points for Meier, five for Kaczinski, three for Jeannie DiMaggio, and Thai Curtis, Sara Olvera, and Sophie Swearingen each had two points apiece.

Game three finished off the long, exhausting week for the jays against Life Christian Lions. The lions sure had a lot to rawr over as the lady jays instantly applied their full court press. Life Christian wasn't able to handle the press along with Jewell's exceptional hustling and scoring. Many of them made great contribute to the scoreboard. Meier and Kaczinski each had eighteen points. Ulm completed the night with fourteen points. Curtis had five, DiMaggio had 2, and Swearingen one.

To finish off the pre-season the Jays traveled to Rockaway Beach to take on the 3A Neah-Kah-Nie

Pirates. Jewell was a little more of a competition for the pirates compared to the teams they previously have been playing. It was a well fought game for both teams as the score continued to stay tight throughout the night. The lady jays demonstrated tough defense. They put their 1-3-1 zone, man-to-man, and twelve press into play to accomplish what they could against the pirates. Neah-Kah-Nie also illustrated strong defense leaving it at a low scoring game, 37-29 pirates.

Let's congratulate our girls for a sturdy start and support them as they stir into league games December 15th against Willamette Valley Christian and the 18th versus Perrydale.

Homecoming football game

By Angel Ulm

It had been one bumpy season for the Jays this year. From a heartbreaking loss against OSD to having to forfeit their Perrydale game due to sickness. They may have not gotten as far as they hoped for, but they did continue to fix their faults they may have had in a game in order to be more successful in the other upcoming games by watching game tape every week.

The boys fought through every

yard they could as the night resulted in cold, rainy weather. It was a disappointing loss for the jays. Although, they could leave the field knowing they had put all their heart and passion into the season. "The boys demonstrated strength in leadership for the season. I believe the kids finished a lot stronger than when we started. That was our major goal, to finish strong and I think they did. The seniors especially established leadership this year," says Coach Little.

This past football season several of the freshmen had to fill in. "The freshmen had to step up. One freshman started and got experience by filling in spots. I hope to get the upcoming team for next season in the weight room and get them started on off season workouts. I'm excited for the future," states Little. Despite the boys' win/loss record, they had a lot to look back on. "This season illustrated hard work and time put in and the improvement they made on fundamentals and skills. The tight group and family made it a great atmosphere."



By Jesika Robinson

Max is the fifth book in the Maximum Ride series by author James Patterson. Maximum Ride is about six kids who have basically been science experiments from the day they were conceived in a Petri dish. The egg that they were created from was messed with – two percent of their DNA was removed and replaced with avian, or bird, DNA. After growing up in a dog kennel for ten years, Max gets sick of it and breaks out, using her wings (a side effect of the avian DNA) to help her free herself and five other kids – two girls, Nudge and Angel, and three guys, Gasman, Iggy, and Fang. The institute they worked so hard to free themselves



from starts chasing after them, and the six kids find themselves a whole lot of trouble (and a talking mutant dog) in their attempts to stay free.

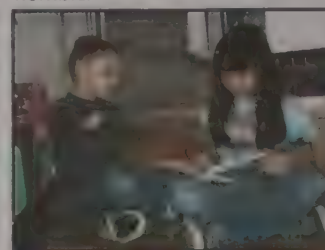
Impossible is a novel by Nancy Werlin, a New York Times bestselling author. Impossible is the story of a girl, Lucy, who becomes pregnant at seventeen, and finds out that it has been a curse on her family for centuries that a girl will have only one child at the age of seventeen, who is always a girl. After having the child, the mother will go insane – if she hasn't broken the spell an evil Elfin Knight has placed upon her family line. Now, Lucy has only nine months to figure out how to



perform what seems like three impossible tasks before she, too, will go crazy. Can she figure it out?

The Sweet Far Thing is the third book in the Gemma Doyle Trilogy by Libba Bray. It is about a girl named Gemma Doyle who attends a preparatory school called Spence Academy, where she finds out that the mysterious East Wing of the school contains a door that can only be opened by a special person, which turns out is her. The door leads Gemma and her three friends, Ann, Felicity, and Pippa, into a magical place called the Realms. There are two halves to the Realms – the Borderlands, where benign magic

turns leaves into butterflies. The other half is the Winterlands, and the magic there is not nearly so playful. When the East Wing of Spence is burned to the ground and Gemma's mother is in the fire, Gemma must make allies in the Realms to help herself and her friends survive through the ups and downs, and Gemma begins to realize that maybe not all of the Winterlands creatures are so horrible.



By Zach Rozineck

Almost every teenager has to answer the simple question of whether or not they are going to college and if so which one they are going to. Every college has different requirements to get accepted and some are easy and others are tough. College acceptance rates vary from as high as over 90% to lower than 5%. In this college review you will learn about Reed College in our own state of Oregon.

Reed College is a distinguished college for having 10-1 student to faculty ratio. Each class is more or less like a discussion instead of a lecture (which is the common form of teaching). The students have to come to class ready and involved in their subjects to be able to learn what they need to know. The teachers also work together with the students to create a better learning environment. The larger lecture styled classes are still found in Reed and are still good classes. Reed College also doesn't emphasize on grades, instead they focus on learning.

According to the school, "Students are encouraged to focus on learning, not on grades. Students are evaluated rigorously,

and semester grades are filed with the registrar, but by tradition, students do not receive standard grade reports. Papers and exams are generally returned to students with lengthy comments but without grades affixed. There is no dean's list or honor roll, and Reed does not award Latin honors at graduation." So if you are planning on heading out to Reed after high school then you better get ready to learn.

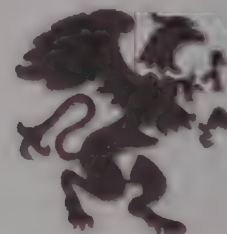
Reed College divides its academic program into five separate divisions, arts, history and social studies, literature and language, mathematics and natural science, and philosophy, religion, psychology, and linguistics. Art classes range from dancing, music and different theater departments like plays and acting. History and

social studies classes include history, anthropology, economics, political science, sociology departments and an International and Comparative Policy Studies Program. The literature and language division has the largest variety of classes, classics, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian, Spanish classes and creative writing and general literature programs. Mathematics and natural science has mathematics (a little obvious), biology, Chemistry, and a physics department. Then the division of philosophy, religion, psychology, and linguistics has exactly the same classes as in its name.

Reed College is also the only college to ever refuse to send states into the US News and World Report. Reed questioned the systems



usefulness and for awhile the schools ranking was lower because of their lack in participation in the program. However Reed did submit their statistics to the Princeton Review in 2005 and Reed was ranked the No. 1 undergraduate school in the U.S. in overall academic experience. Many students say that Reed gives its students a large amount of freedom and has a safe and enjoyable atmosphere.



LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES

These articles were left out before, but we found them and wanted to include them in this edition.

Pumpkin Patch

By Sara Olvera & Jeannie DiMaggio

This year K-5th will be venturing to the pumpkin patch on Friday October 23rd, in hopes to find a perfect pumpkin to carve. At a pumpkin patch there are several fun things to do such as corn mazes, picking a pumpkin, and enjoying a variety of fall foods.

1st

Elvis and Emma are two first graders had lots to say about the pumpkin patch. They picked pumpkins and went on a boat ride. Emma's favorite thing to do was the boat ride – Elvis's favorite thing was picking a pumpkin. They both got pumpkins. Elvis got a small one, and Emma's was a medium size pumpkin. They are both really excited about Halloween. Emma is going to be a witch and Elvis is going to be an Army guy. Their favorite candies to get are gum and tootsie-rolls.



2nd

The second grades went on an exciting field trip to the pumpkin patch. Alisa and Austin had lots to say. Alisa had a real fun time at the pumpkin patch. She got a medium size pumpkin that she is excited to carve. At the patch she went to an animal farm and corn maze. Alisa's favorite part was the animal farm. She is also going to go trick or treating as a vampire and hopes to get lots of Kit-Kats. Austin also went to the pumpkin patch – he said that it was not that much fun because he got lost in the corn maze. But he did a lot of thing like tractor rides, jumping of hay stacks, and animal farm. His favorite part was jumping off the "soft" hay stack as he said. And for Halloween he wants to be an Army

man and get lots of sour skittles and candy bars.

3rd

The third graders also went to the pumpkin patch. Matthew and Dahlia both had fun going through the corn maze, going on the hay ride, and picking pumpkins. Matthew got a small pumpkin and Dahlia got a big one. Mathew's favorite part was visiting Hercules the horse. Dahlia's was the corn maze. They are both super excited about Halloween. Mathew is going to be a scare crow;

Dahlia is going to be a zombie. Their favorite candy to get is Twix, bubble gum, and Crunch bars.



4th

Ryan and Dawson, two fourth graders, had a really fun time at the pumpkin patch. Ryan's favorite part was the corn maze but she liked picking her small pumpkin that she is not going to carve. For Halloween she wants to be a roller derby and hopes to get loads of Twix because they are her favorite candy. Dawson's favorite part was the corn maze but he enjoyed picking out his pumpkin and all the mud.



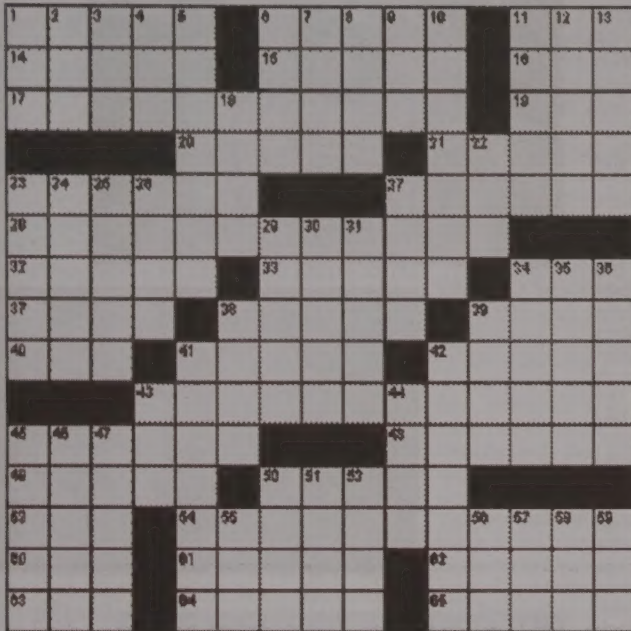
For Halloween he wants to be a grim reaper, and his favorite candy is popcorn balls.

5th

Sadly, we were unable to interview any fifth graders that had gone to the Pumpkin Patch. However, next time, we'll make sure to get the field trip from the point of view of every grade level that goes. Have a safe and happy Halloween everybody!



WORK YOUR BRAIN



ACROSS

1. Vaults
6. Heart artery
11. Public transit vehicle
14. Overweight
15. Tartan
16. Fabric made from camel hair
17. Domestic servant
19. French for "No"
20. Congratulations
21. Anagram of "Cadet"
23. Rented
27. Noses
28. A non-vocal musical composition
32. An attribute of a people or era
33. Lengthwise
34. Shape with an axe
37. Got bigger
38. Perishing
39. Lady
40. Even (poetic)
41. Writing style
42. Artist's workstand
43. Myopic
45. Senior church official
48. Not winners
49. City in Colorado
50. Capelin
53. T
54. Characterized by intense emotion
60. Anger
61. Embers
62. Shoot from a concealed position

63. A wingless parasitic fly
64. A brief indulgence
65. Half native and half French Canadian

DOWN

1. In do-re-mi, the fifth note
2. Anagram of "Boa"
3. French for "Fire"
4. S
5. Searchers
6. Mimicked
7. Margarine
8. Gentle blows
9. Neckwear
10. A gland found near the kidneys
11. A family of African languages
12. Submarine
13. Particles found on beaches
18. African spiral-horned antelope
22. A pass between mountain peaks
23. Vassal
24. French for "Between"
25. Pale or blanched
26. Put away
27. Male deer
29. Head of a city
30. Be extant
31. 9 9 9 9
34. Hurriedness
35. Chieftain
36. Metal joints
38. Let fall to the ground
39. Backwards shad

41. A system to teach reading skills
42. Self-importance
43. Third person singular female
44. Sickneses
45. A method of dyeing cloth
46. A valley in France
47. Velocity
50. Box
51. Boys and men
52. Nature of being
55. Used to swab decks
56. 1
57. Egg of a louse
58. Anagram of "Pie"
59. A potent estrogen



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RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

A man was found murdered on Sunday morning. His wife immediately called the police. The police questioned the wife and staff and got these alibis:

The Wife said she was sleeping.
 The Cook was cooking breakfast.
 The Gardener was picking vegetables.
 The Maid was getting the mail.
 The Butler was cleaning the closet.

The police instantly arrested the murdered. Who did it and how did they know?

By David Featherston

Gaining popularity, Trevor Moore is the pick for this month's pop icon. Trevor Paul Moore is an American comedian, actor, satirist, cartoonist, writer, and director known mostly for his current project, the New York City-based comedy troupe Whitest Kids U' Know. Other projects of his include The Trevor Moore Show, Uncle Morty's Dub Shack, and Miss March. Trevor is gaining popularity for his unique brand of dark humor.

Trevor was born on April 4, 1980, making him 29 years old today. He was born in Montclair, New Jersey; his parents used to be Christian rock musicians. Moore, along with Sam Brown and Zach Cregger from Whitest Kids U' Know studied in Manhattan's School of Visual Arts.

Trevor started drawing at the age of 10 when he created a comic for his school newspaper. On the Bonnie Hunt Show, Trevor said "The principal put an end to my strip, because it was offensive and kept making fun of kids at school." At the age of 12, Trevor became the world's youngest published cartoonist for his book, Scraps.

The Trevor Moore Show first ran in 1996 on Charlottesville Public Access TV in Charlottesville, Virginia and gained popularity among the local college community. Then in 1998, Moore was offered a once-in-a-life time deal to produce new episodes of the Trevor Moore Show for WADA-TV. Unfortunately, the show only lasted a total of sixteen episodes before anger spawned from skits such as "I Wonder Who Died Today?" (a parody newscast from the local senior citizens home) resulted in the show's immediate cancellation due to offensive material. This came as a surprise to Trevor who believed that the show would only air at night, but halfway through the first season he found out that it was being rerun at Saturday mornings.

His most current and popular project, Whitest Kids U' Know, is a comedy troupe and also a television show of the same name. The group consists of Trevor Moore, Sam Brown, Timmy Williams, Zach Cregger, and Darren Trumeter. Much of the early history of the Whitest Kids U' Know was spent as an official club at the School of Visual Arts, or SVA, which meant they had to pretty much accept any SVA student that wanted to join. Unofficially, however, the main trio of Moore, Brown, and Cregger tried to keep the group as small as possible. At their highest, the group had a total of ten members, although the bulk of their sketches were written by one of the three.

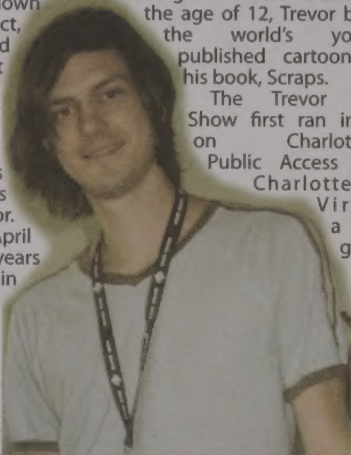
The Whitest Kids U' Know held near-monthly free shows at SVA's

amphitheater, which would usually fill to capacity. In 2003, as some members approached graduation, the group officially separated from the school, and all but Trevor, Sam, Zach, and Timmy left the troupe. That same year, actor and filmmaker Darren Trumeter joined the group, creating the Whitest Kids U' Know as we know them today.

After they lost their deal with Fuse TV to renew their half-hour sketch comedy show after only the first season, they decided to work online. Their official website contains not only much information about the show, but also offers free sketches for anyone to download. In July of 2007, Trevor announced that the second season of their TV show would air on the Independent Film Channel (IFC). Today, Season 4 is being shot and will probably air sometime in 2010.

Trevor and Zach recently completed production for their comedy Miss March, which they wrote, directed, and starred in. The film received pretty negative reviews most likely due to his dark humor that didn't quite click with some of the critics.

Trevor Moore has been delivering his unique comedic perspective ever since he could draw. If you want to see some of his work, go to www.whitestkids.com to download some of his sketches for free.



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Carlsbad

National Park

By Sophie Swearingen

Caverns—we see them in numerous media sources from the movie scene, to TV, to brochures, to the internet. Despite which type of public advertising caverns receive, these caves have always appeared mysterious while maintaining their adventurous appeal. One of the most widely known cavern systems throughout the United States is Carlsbad National Park. This National Park remains one of the oldest and most extraordinary cavern systems known worldwide. Spanning across the Texas and Mexico border in the Guadalupe Mountains, the Carlsbad Caverns are the main attraction to the thousands of tourists visiting the gorgeous southeastern New Mexico.

Over 1,000 years ago, early Native Americans explored Carlsbad Caverns in order to find a source of shelter. There is evidence indicating that the prehistoric Native Americans thrived while living in the Carlsbad Cavern. Fortunately, they left behind rather mysterious drawings on the cave walls located near the caverns natural entrance.

Several centuries later, during the early 1800s, new settlers ventured into the cavern, late one evening when the settlers were out and about, they witnessed the amazing exhibit of several hundreds of thousands of bats flying up and out of the “natural entrance” to Carlsbad Caverns. Historically speaking, the settlers are considered the discoverers of the cavern. Directly after the discovery of the cave, several individuals including Jim White (a cowboy) stayed at the cavern. These individuals resided in the caverns in order to mine the incredibly large deposits of bat guano that were located in the cave, they then used the material collected as a natural resource or fertilizer. Jim soon became fascinated with the unbelievable cave and from then on the cowboy spent hours and years exploring its many wondrous places. Jim was excited and eager to inform the world of the extreme and shocking exquisiteness that this “natural beauty” (cavern) exhibited. Few believed White's questionable tales of the underground cave formations. In order for the public to believe the rugged cowboy, it required photographs to prove

what he spoke of. Knowledge of Carlsbad Caverns soon spread world-wide, and by the year 1923 the caves were proclaimed a national monument. Jim White continued his cave explorations, and eventually became the first chief ranger at the Caverns National Park.

Ever since the Carlsbad Caverns founding, the park has been lengthened and today includes 46,766 acres and more than 80 other smaller or minor caves. Carlsbad Caverns is popular specifically for its many unusual formations, such as helictites, which grow oddly without regard to gravity. When you're exploring the many wonders of the cave, one should stop to observe these helictites twisting crystal-like shapes, and the numerous other rare formations composed of aragonite, which is a mineral that is chemically indistinguishable from calcite other than its unique crystal structure. These incredible shapes tend to be petite, and have an appearance similar to needle-like forms.

Carlsbad Cavern's other popular

attraction is its sanctuary or refuge for almost 1 million Mexican Freetail bats. Everyday a tourist is likely to gaze upon the exquisite crowd of bats on the ceiling of the Bat Cave, which is located at the passageway near the natural entrance of the Cavern. At nightfall, when the cave is a darkened refuge, the bats exit the cave in enormous yet elegant swarms, moving swiftly into the clouds.

Each and every aspect of Carlsbad Caverns continues to astound the millions of tourists each year. No matter if you're hiking, exploring the caves, or passing through Chihuahuan Desert you'll instantly be fascinated with the exquisite scenery and shocking complexity of these breathtaking caves.

